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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE DIRECTOR

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Weekly Report

Afghanistan Emphasis to Increase

Almost all NEA PAOs have responded to Secretary Haig's and the area office's cable asking for views on how best to continue to emphasize the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. The responses agree that a sustained campaign of the kind envisioned by the Secretary is in order. The specific approaches will vary from country to country but the issue of the occupation can and will be raised with the press, in programs, and in private meetings with contacts.

A number of posts stressed the need for visuals -- film footage and VTRs. John Hughes, Giff Malone and I have met on this and will be responding.

RDJTF Cooperation Continues

Research began this week on the film being done in conjunction with PGM/T and the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force office. All parties are working on a priority basis, with the aim of having the product ready for the field in the shortest possible time. The RDJTF office has offered some funding assistance if the need arises in connection with production research.

LOOKING AHEAD

Preparations for Sadat Visit

NEA continues to coordinate USICA media support and is helping the USICA Press Center provide assistance to Egyptian and other foreign media for next week's visit.

(A separate memo is coming to you with details on this subject.)